

## SENATOR GIBSON ANSWERS WARREN

### Defends Position on Desert Land Repeal Bill.

### READS LETTER FROM HILL

### Depew and Corman Cross Swords.

### Teller's Point of Order Overruled.

When the Postoffice appropriation bill had been laid before the Senate this afternoon, at the request of Mr. Dooliver of Iowa, now in charge of the bill, the floor was yielded to Mr. Gibson of Montana on a point of personal privilege.

Mr. Gibson spoke in reply to Mr. Warren on the subject of the desert land repeal bill, declaring his position has been in some respects misrepresented or misunderstood by opposition speakers.

Mr. Hansbrough brought in the name of George H. Maxwell, and said that gentleman had been carrying on a systematic effort to repeal the bill, and that the Senator from Montana was playing into the hands of the Maxwell supporters.

Has His Doubts.

Mr. Quarles of Wisconsin asked Mr. Hansbrough if this was the "lobby" referred to in the debate. He expressed some cynicism on the point as to whether a lobby "to be feared" would be so clumsy as to show itself only to the opposition.

"The friends of this measure have never heard anything of a lobby," continued Mr. Quarles. "I think it would be much better, if, instead of peopling the air with ghosts and hobgoblins, we might know something about these people."

Mr. Hansbrough said the term "land-grubbers," as applied to opponents of the repeal, was obnoxious.

Mr. Gibson concluded his remarks in defense of his position and the repeal of the bill, and then read a letter from James J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railroad, in support of his position.

Mr. Hansbrough and Mr. Warren submitted a few more remarks and the consideration of the Postoffice bill was then resumed.

New York Postoffice.

The New York postoffice accommodations offered by the New York Central Railroad, in a building to be erected over their tracks in New York city, at Forty-fifth Street, was the amendment first taken up, and led to a long discussion. Mr. Lodge's amendment to reduce the lease from twenty-five years to ten years was adopted.

Mr. Depew spoke in defense of the railroad proposition which was attacked by Mr. Corman, Mr. Cullen, and Mr. Teller. Mr. Spooner expressed some doubt as to the advisability of the proposition, and said unless he could be convinced it was a good plan, he would vote against it.

Mr. Teller raised the point of order against the proposition, and the legislation on an appropriation bill "if it is in order," said Mr. Teller, "any new public building bill could be engrafted on the bill just as well."

Mr. Lodge spoke at some length against the point of order.

Mr. Teller's point of order was overruled by the Chair, and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Patterson of Colorado then spoke in opposition to the \$2,000,000 appropriation for a postoffice near the new Pacific Railway tunnel, west of Eighth Avenue.

## HEARST WINS VICTORY IN THE SUPREME COURT

Coal Company Roads Will Be Compelled to Produce Papers and Records Demanded.

The Supreme Court today decided that feature of the W. R. Hearst case against the anthracite coal carrying companies which endeavors to enforce a ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission requiring witnesses—officials of the coal companies—to present certain papers and records, access to which is desired.

The court decided that the right of direct appeal to the Supreme Court in such a case does exist. It further decided that the commission had the right to take up the case, although Mr. Hearst, the complainant, could show no financial or direct interest in the proceedings.

The important part of the ruling is that the testimony desired was relevant, and that the companies should have been put in evidence. They had a legitimate bearing on the controversy. That part of the anti-trust act which exempts testimony given from being used to convict of crime makes it especially proper to demand the testimony.

The adverse decision of the court below is overruled and the case is remanded for hearing in conformity with the decision of the Supreme Court. Mr. Hearst's contentions are maintained in every particular.

## SEEK EQUALIZATION OF MECHANICS' PAY

The President has taken under serious consideration the question of the comparative pay of the mechanics of the navy gun factory and those of other departments of the Government. Senator Burrows of Michigan and Representative Dayton of West Virginia this morning called upon the President, accompanied by Mr. A. Bowen and E. C. Ford, a committee composed of the gun mechanics to present their case.

The same quartet called upon the President early last month to procure a revocation of the executive order preventing them from agitating their cause before the Congress and the House and Senate. This general order forbids any employee of the Government from attempting to secure legislation beneficial to himself or his fellow workers, and it is never better than in the case of the gun mechanics that the President's action is justified.

The committee called upon the President for the purpose of acquainting him with some of the facts and data secured by the committee of the mechanics. It was informed that the men were now paid under an act passed in 1882, which limited their pay to \$3.50 a week, while men whose duties in the Government Printing Office, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and elsewhere, require a less degree of mechanical skill, are drawing \$1 per day.

The gun factory mechanics wish the law amended so as to permit them to be paid on at least an equal basis.

It is understood that the President received their request with great consideration, and promised at once to look into the matter.

## Major Sylvester Will Administer Dye Estate

Requested by Mrs. Bayliss to Act, Is Appointed, and Gives Special Bond for Proper Performance of Duty.

Mrs. E. Bayliss, of Chicago, through Attorney A. Leftwich Sinclair, today filed a petition in the Probate Court of the District of Columbia, in which she requests the court to appoint Major Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of the Police, administrator of the estate of her sister, Miss Annette M. Dye, who committed suicide in her apartment at the Gloucester, in this city, March 19, 1904.

Mrs. Bayliss' petition was submitted to Justice Wright by Attorney Sinclair, and the court signed an order appointing Major Sylvester administrator upon his giving a special bond of \$500.

Miss Dye was a daughter of the late Gen. William M. Dye, who was chief of police of Washington for several years after the reorganization of the police force.

Mrs. Bayliss says in her petition that she is sister of Miss Dye, and her only heir at law and next of kin; that Miss Dye was possessed of personal property of the value of about \$500 at the time of her death, and that the only claims upon her estate are a few small debts, amounting to about \$50.

Mrs. Bayliss further explains that she has no desire to administer upon the estate of her sister, and she requests the court to appoint Major Sylvester to act in that capacity, and asks that Major Sylvester be allowed to give a special bond as administrator, conditioned for the payment of the debts and claims against her sister.

Major Sylvester was an intimate friend of Miss Dye's father for many years, and served as chief clerk of the Police Department under him. Miss Dye wrote a letter to Major Sylvester shortly before she took her life, and he was one of the first of Miss Dye's friends to be summoned after the shooting.

## COL. BIDDLE RAPS WARNER STUTLER

Declines Job of Cleaning  
Sidewalks in Winter.

IS NOT IN HIS PROVINCE  
Superintendent of Street Cleaning  
Winces, But Is Overawed by a  
Higher Authority.

"It is the duty of the Engineer Department to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks neglected by their owners,"—Warner Stutler, Superintendent of Street Cleaning.

"The cleaning of sidewalks and alleys should be attended to by the Street Cleaning Department. The difficulties referred to by Mr. Stutler can readily be met,"—Col. John Biddle, Engineer Commissioner for the District.

Assuming that Colonel Biddle's reply to the Superintendent of Street Cleaning will be final, it is apparent that nothing will come of the long argument referred to by Mr. Stutler, claiming that his branch of the government should not be compelled to carry out the provisions of the "snow and ice law" so far as it relates to the cleaning of the sidewalks.

Looking Forward.

Mr. Stutler, looking forward to the work that will come to his men next winter, has sent to the District Commissioners a letter, in which he sets forth his reasons for opposing his department and putting the work of the sidewalks on the engineers. Colonel Biddle declines the job.

The Street Superintendent said the act of Congress of February 16 last, requires the Commissioners not only to have the snow and ice removed from the sidewalks in front of the property of neglectful owners, but also to remove the dirt, sand, and gravel from such places. He pointed out that an executive order had been issued to compel the Engineer Department to look after the sand and gravel.

His reasons for putting the snow and ice work on the engineers were that the \$5,000 appropriation for both classes of the work would lead to a confusion in money accounts if the two departments had to divide the work, and the cleaning of sidewalks comes at a time when the street cleaning force is busy with keeping the crosswalks and gutters open.

Engineers Should Do It.

"The Engineer Department," he says, "has a force of inspectors and men who are always idle when there is snow and ice on the ground." He thinks they could be utilized to look after the sidewalks.

Colonel Biddle, in replying to the unexpected argument, said the work belonged essentially to the Street Cleaning Department, that the accounts could be kept straight without difficulty, and that the Engineer Department would give Mr. Stutler the assistance of its men in cases of emergency.

Consequently, Mr. Stutler will have to look after the sidewalks next winter as well as the crosswalks and gutters. He will be helped by the Engineer Department, but this branch of the local government refuses to assume the responsibility of doing the work.

TO GIVE STUDIO RECITAL.

A studio recital will be given tonight by the junior pupils of Charles Haydn Chase at 1507 Fifth Street northwest. The young musicians will be assisted by Mrs. T. Ross Fiddle, soprano.

## EMPTY NOW How One Woman Quit Medicine.

"While a coffee user my stomach troubled me for years," says a lady of Columbus, Ohio, "and I had to take medicine all the time. I had what I thought was the best stomach medicine I could get, had to keep getting it filled all the time at 40 cents a bottle. I did not know what the cause of my trouble was, but just dragged along from day to day suffering and taking medicine all the time."

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## NO ANTI-SEMITIC PILOTS IN ODESSA

Usual Rumors Attend the  
Easter Season.

Assured That Governor Would Suppress Any Outbreak Against Jews  
in This Province.

Rumors of an anti-Semitic outbreak in Odessa are not well founded, in the opinion of Ambassador McCormick, at St. Petersburg, who sent the following dispatch to the State Department this morning:

"A rumor concerning a possible demonstration against the Jews of Odessa having reached me, I communicated with the United States consul there asking him if it was well founded. He replied to me as follows:

"Reports of anti-Jewish demonstration are not unusual at this season of the year. Owing to the occurrences of last Easter, the Hebrew population is exceedingly nervous, but, with energetic and humane action as Governor Melnikoff in charge of the city and with Baron Kaubars as commander-in-chief of the troops in this southern country, I should regard a serious outbreak of any kind as impossible. During the present week the official newspapers have contained notices to the public warning those who disturb the peace that they will be dealt with severely."

Pussian Easter, which is like the Easter of the Roman Catholic Church in that it is celebrated on the moon, will fall this year on April 10.

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LEER—Died on Sunday, April 3, 1904, JAMES, the beloved husband of Ann Leer, at his late residence, 1019 6th st., at 8:30 a. m., thence to the Holy Name Church.

MELTON—On Sunday, April 3, 1904, at 11:40 a. m., DORA E. MELTON, beloved wife of William W. Melton, and daughter of Sarah A. and the late Henry W. Popkin.

The depth of my sorrow tongues cannot tell. At the loss of one I loved so well; and while she lies in peaceful sleep Her sacred memory I shall keep.

By HER MOTHER.

Funeral from her mother's residence, 416 7th st., on Tuesday, April 5, at 2 p. m. (Philadelphia papers please copy).

CUMMINS—At April 4 at 5:10 a. m., EDWARD P. CUMMINS at his residence, 1107 G st. n. w., in the thirty-third year of his age.

Funeral will take place from St. Patrick's Church, Wednesday at 9 a. m. Interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, (Toronto, Canada, Chicago and Leadville, Colo. papers please copy).

DEATH RECORD.

Baxter, Ann M., 78, 1222 Pa. Ave. N. W. Rogers, Emma, 75, 2115 K St. N. W. Clagett, Martha C., 1929 3d St. N. W. Pace, Annie Ruth, 16, 1334 B St. S. E. Galtner, Raymond, 6, 1208 2d St. S. E. Graham, Ruth, 16, 1334 B St. S. E. Hamill, Carrie A., 57, 8 4th St. S. E. Hill, Almira, 45, Ivy City, D. C. Jones, Maria, 6, 28 13th St. N. E. Kinsey, Samuel G., 63, 1066 E St. N. W. Leach, Agnes G., 24, Columbia Univ. Hospital. Lippert, Mary L., 66, 2808 P St. N. W. Lester, Matilda, 4 days, 617 Morris St. N. E. Mathews, 9 days, infant of Frank and Orilla, Sibley Hospital.

Murphy, William, 29, Providence Hospital. Overy, Rosa, 22, 1715 D St. N. W. Paxton, Jennie C., 52, 3416 M St. Fere, James, 6 months, Hospital Insane. Rodrick, John S. L., 4, 101 5th St. N. E. Smallwood, Stephen, 71, 2327 Ontario Ave. N. W. Smith, John, 4 days, 617 Morris St. N. E. Simmons, Sarah, 22, Washington Asyl. Hospital. Smoots, Elmer W., 6 mos., Crook Creek Park, D. C. Tate, John Walker, 23, Brookland, D. C. Watson, Hester A., 55, 1814 Belmont Ave.

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Early in the day the large number of negroes in the corridors of the Capitol was commented upon by many persons. By 11 o'clock all the available space open to visitors in the Supreme Court chamber was occupied by negroes, and later arrivals could not gain admittance. The expected decision in the Chicago People's Gas case was awaited with interest by many local investors, but they could not get into the court chamber.

Extends to Rotunda.

The negro line, two abreast, extended from the entrance to the courtroom, through the main corridor around the circular air shaft, and on into the Rotunda itself. Although the courtroom was already filled, and no one showed any intention of leaving, the people outside waited in line for several hours.

## GEN. A. V. RICE DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Served With Gallantry in Civil War and Was Once in Congress.

Gen. Americus V. Rice, former Congressman from Ohio, died at the Iowa shortly before noon today, after a protracted illness. He was born in Perryville, Ohio, sixty-nine years ago, and after being graduated from Union College, served in the civil war with much gallantry, having entered as a private and finishing as a brigadier general.

General Rice represented the Ottawa, Ohio, district, in the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses. He was prominent in Grant's army, and pension was being at one time pension agent at Columbus, Ohio, and afterward employed in the pension bureau here.

His wife and two daughters were at his bedside when the end came. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

## PROTECTION FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Watchman Stationed Before Mr. Hay's  
Offices to Patrol Corridor—An  
Easter Explanation.

For the first time in many years a watchman made his appearance today on the second floor of the State Department and patrolled the corridor along which the offices of Secretary Hay and the Assistant Secretaries of State are situated.

"So many Easter tourists! A watchman is needed to protect the furniture in the diplomatic room," was the explanation a messenger offered for the presence of the watchman.

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